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**Subject:** Fw: EPA communication to Dimock Residents

Please advise. Thanks,

David

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**To:** David Sternberg/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
**Date:** 12/04/2011 06:46 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Fw: EPA communication to Dimock Residents

Thanks David, I'd appreciate the follow-up on exactly what data was used by EPA to make its determination regarding Dimock.

Also, how conclusive does the EPA consider pre-drill tests to be? Are there instances when pre-drill tests are "wrong" so to speak?

Thanks for all your help,

Melissa

On Dec 2, 2011 5:41 PM, <[Sternberg.David@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Sternberg.David@epamail.epa.gov)> wrote:  
Melissa,

It is my understanding that the body of data included at least some pre-drill samples, but I cannot say with certainty that there were pre-drill data for all wells. There is some data for wells that have treatment installed, and some for wells that do not.

I wish I could give you more definitive answers, but that's the best that I can do right now. Will try to get you better answers on Monday.

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**Date:** 12/02/2011 04:17 PM  
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Thanks Ms. Taylor/Mr. Sternberg,

I left you a message this afternoon but perhaps email is easier.

Did the data reviewed by EPA for this scenario include pre-drill samples? If so, what was the difference between pre-drill samples and current ones?

I assume the most recent DEP and resident water tests were reviewed by EPA as well. My other question is, were these tests taken at treated or untreated water sources?

Thanks again,

Melissa

On Fri, Dec 2, 2011 at 11:14 AM, <[Sternberg.David@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Sternberg.David@epamail.epa.gov)> wrote:  
Melissa,

FYI. This message was sent to Dimock residents this morning explaining EPA's official position.

Dear Dimock Residents,

This email is a follow-up to the visits to Dimock area homes by EPA on November 10, 2011 and the subsequent review of well sampling data for wells impacted by the Cabot Oil and Gas Company drilling activities. EPA has conducted a preliminary review and screening of the data provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and residents. While we are continuing our review, to date, the data does not indicate that the well water presents an immediate health threat to users. EPA will continue to review available information related to the concerns of Dimock area residents. We are continuing to work with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania going forward on this issue.

Please feel free to call me or David Polish, Community Involvement Coordinator, at [\(215\) 814-3327](tel:(215)814-3327), if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

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